III. Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application, and Claims 16-20 have been elected for prosecution. Claims 16 and 20 as amended are set forth below. The remaining claims are set forth as unamended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-15 (withdrawn)

16. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a shaped polymeric article, comprising the steps of:

providing a sheet of extruded hot polymeric material that is above its heat deflection temperature;

disposing said sheet onto a rotating belt, said rotating belt including a mold impression therein and a plurality of apertures therethrough, said mold impression resembling a plurality of adjacent shingle impressions of substantially the same length, each of said shingle impressions including a bottom edge, at least one of said bottom edges being beveled to give the appearance of shingles having different lengths;

applying vacuum pressure to said hot polymeric material through said belt, so as to draw said sheet into intimate forming contact with said mold impression to form a patterned central portion;

cooling said patterned central ~~sheet~~ portion below said a heat deflection temperature of said polymeric material; and

severing a length of said ~~shaped~~ sheet to produce a shaped polymeric article.

17. The method of claim 16, wherein said shingle impressions are cedar shake shingle impressions and a plurality of said bottom edges are beveled.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein alternating bottom edges are beveled.

19. The method of claim 17, wherein said bottom edges are beveled in a non-periodic pattern.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said vacuum pressure is applied to form a patterned central portion and a pair of unpatterned lateral edge portions, said method further comprising the steps of:

further forming at least one of said lateral edge portions while above said heat deflection temperature; and

cooling said lateral edge portions below said heat deflection temperature to produce a relatively continuous shaped sheet.